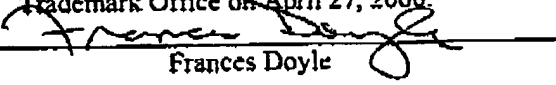


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows: